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Region 5  
POLLUTION REPORT

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**Subject:** Former Statler Hilton Hotel  
1539-1565 Washington Blvd, Detroit, MI

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	3	<b>Site #:</b>	B55A
<b>Reporting Period:</b>		<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>	9/2/1003	<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	9/2/3003	<b>Response Type:</b>	TC
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	

#### Site Description

The Former Statler Hilton Hotel Site (Statler Hilton Site) site is located at the corner of Grand Circus traffic circle and 1539-1565 Washington Avenue in downtown Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The site is located directly south of the Grand Circus Park and is several hundred yards to the southwest of Comerica Park (the major league baseball facility). Commercial buildings surround the Statler Hilton Site to the east, west, and south of the former hotel building. The site includes one main multi-story building and a smoke stack. The site coordinates are 42°20'07"N latitude and 83°03'05"W longitude. There were 11 identified and stripped-out PCB transformers, a sub-basement full of PCB contaminated water, and numerous spill areas where PCBs have saturated the debris, dust, and concrete of the facility floor. See Pollution Report 1 for further details.

#### Current Activities

☐ On September 29, removal of water from the sub-basement continued. An approximate

daily total of 14,000 gallons of water was removed and properly disposed off-site. A total of 347,500 gallons of water has been removed from site to date. Decontamination of the sub-basement via high pressure washing with a decontamination solution was initiated. Debris removal continued in basement

□ On September 30, removal of water from the sub-basement continued. An approximate daily total of 14,000 gallons of water was removed from the sub-basement and properly disposed off site. A total of 361,500 gallons of water has been removed to date. Power washing of the sub-basement continued. 20 yards of PCB contaminated concrete and debris was shipped off site for disposal.

□ On October 01, removal of water from the sub-basement continued. An approximate daily total of 8,367 gallons of water was removed and properly disposed off-site. A total of 369,867 gallons of water has been removed to date. Power washing of sub-basement continues.

□ On October 02, power washing of sub-basement continued. A small room located in the sub-basement was completely decontaminated and concrete core samples were collected. Removal of contaminated concrete in the main transformer area of the basement was initiated

□ On October 03, power washing and breaking of concrete continued. Power washing in the sub-basement continued.

□ On October 04, no site work occurred. 24-hour security remained on site.

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□ On October 06, power washing of the sub-basement continued. Concrete removal from the main transformer area in the basement continued. Removal and off-site transportation for disposal of water from the sub-basement continued.

□ On October 07, power washing of the sub-basement continued. Concrete removal from the main transformer area of the basement and removal and off-site transportation for disposal of water from the sub-basement continued.

□ On October 08, power washing of the sub-basement continued. The water was pushed into a sump for future removal. The concrete pad in the main transformer area removal was completed and the removed material was loaded into the on-site roll-off box for future disposal. Slag material was encountered beneath the removed concrete layer and was also removed.

□ On October 09, power washing of the sub-basement and busting up the concrete in the areas surrounding the main transformer area continued. Concrete core sampling began in the sub-basement where power washing was complete for verification that cleanup goals had been met.

☐ On October 10, power washing and sampling of the sub-basement continued. The concrete cores were pulverized and composited for PCB analysis. Removal and off-site transportation for disposal of water from the sub-basement continued. An approximate daily total of 5,000 gallons of water was removed from site and properly disposed.

☐ On October 11, concrete core sampling continued. The previous core samples were pulverized and prepped for PCB analysis.

☐ On October 12, no site work occurred. 24-hour security remained on site.

### **Planned Removal Actions**

The site cleanup is currently underway. The entire basement of the building was flooded and oil from the transformers contaminated the walls and floor of the basement and sub-basement.

Physical removal of all loose contaminated debris and decontamination of the structure will be completed prior to confirmatory concrete core sampling.

### **Next Steps**

- ☐ Continue basement cleanup activities.
- ☐ Complete concrete core sampling in the sub-basement.
- ☐ Investigate cleanup options including encapsulation of PCBs in certain areas of the basement.

### **Key Issues**

The site was broken into and some items were stolen from the site. An adjustment has been made to site security protocol in order to better assure site security.

### **Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
ERRS - Cleanup Contractor	\$320,000.00	\$297,300.00	\$22,700.00	7.09%
RST/START	\$34,300.00	\$21,456.00	\$12,844.00	37.45%
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$10,000.00	\$5,215.00	\$4,785.00	47.85%
USEPA - InDirect	\$20,000.00	\$9,678.00	\$10,322.00	51.61%

<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$384,300.00	\$333,649.00	\$50,651.00	13.18%
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\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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